for reforms. The Government of Bihar has repealed the APMC Act. The States and UT of Kerala, Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep have no APMC Act and hence not requiring reforms.

New Cancer Medicine

†1281. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the researchers of the Alberta University of Canada have recently invented a Medicine called Dycloroacitate (DCH), which has a magic property to cure cancer;

(b) whether the manufacturer of this medicine has no patent rights on this medicine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, the information available on the Website of University of Alberta, the Investigators of the University have mentioned that the drug Dichloracetate appears to suppress the growth of cancer cell without affecting normal cell suggesting that it may not have the side effects of Chemotherapy. However, Alberta Cancer Board and Capital Health of the University do not advice the use of drug on human being for treatment of cancer as the same has not been subjected to clinical trial on human beings.

Healthcare infrastructure

1282. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to go in for public-private model for healthcare infrastructure;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.